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A Divorce Case.

In a suit filed some time ago for divorce John M. Breen, the postmaster of Lorin, made some sensational charges and allegations about his wife that caused considerable surprise to the people of that burg. Breen charged that his wife imbibed to excess, and also that she had treated him cruelly and had on occasions threatened to throw a lighted lamp at him and made other hostile demonstrations. Now Mrs. Breen denies that she has been cruel and her conduct unwifely or that she habitually drinks to excess, but admits that the heartless treatment of her husband has on several occasions driven her to imbibe but such lapses from sobriety were but temporary. She says that since the death of their child, who was run over last August by the Berkeley train, he has frequently called her a murderess and taunted her with being responsible for its death.

She also says that her husband has stolen their infant child from her, causing her great anguish. He has also struck her and called her harsh names. On this account she thinks that she has the best cause for divorce. Mrs. Breen was formerly Mary Agnes Driscoll. Mr. Breen, who is the postmaster of Lorin, has an income, so his wife claims, of about $140 and considerable real estate.

A New Mail Route.

That is a very good idea which has been lately projected of using carrier pigeons for carrying news from vessels that get distressed at sea. If it became a practice for all vessels going on long voyages to carry these birds there would be many times when tney could convey intelligence of their whereabouts by this means. Large prizes have already been offered for the purpose of helping to make the scheme a success.

Alfred Barstow of Oakland died in that city on Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock. He came to California in 1849. For a number of years he was engaged in the law business with his brother, the late D. P. Barstow, and for several years he held the position of Superintendent of the U. S. Mails for the Pacific Coast. At the time of his death he was 66 years of age. He leaves a widow, one son and a daughter, and a brother, Anson Barstow.

John Hart's youngest son is alleged to be short in his money account. He had charge of his father's milk route. It was ascertained that about $80 was collected, which the young man did not account for. In the meantime his shadow does not fall on the steps of his father's door.

As both Houses of the Government at Sacramento have agreed to adjourn on Saturday next, there will be but little time to examine into the charges of bribery made in the Senate.

MACKEY'S RISE.

Among the numbers of men who have leaped from comparative poverty and obscurity in this country, in the past half century, none stand out more prominently than John W. Mackey, the California millionaire. Although much has been said and written about him, as a matter of course, but few persons are acquainted with his early life, and the fact he was at one time a resident of this city has never been made public. As a reporter was passing down Main street yesterday, a gentleman standing at the corner of Twelfth street remarked: "You see that building over there? pointing to a house on the north-west corner of Twelfth and Main. Upon the reporter replying in the affirmative, he continued: "I suppose it would surprise a number of persons to know that Mackey once lived there and kept a saloon. The story is not generally known, as he was not a man of wide acquaintance, and when he left the city, all thought of him died out. Of those who used to take drinks from his hands across the counter, but few recognize him in his new sphere.

BEHIND THE BAR.

"Along about 1845, Mackey came to this city in company with one or two others in search of employment. He was a young man, strong, active and willing to work at almost anything which would afford him a good living. An old two-story frame building stood at the corner over there. and the front room had been used as a saloon. The proprietor closed up a few months before, however, and the building was left without a tenant. Mackey had some little money, and as the location was a good one he resolved to start a bar room there. He made a bargain with the proprietor and secured the place, opening up a week later. The room and its fixtures would be in strong contrast with the fine saloons of the present day, with their gilded counters and fancy bar. The walls were covered with a simple coat of white paint. and the counter was a long narrow one made out of pine boards. Behind it was a shelf on which sat some bottles and glasses. His coming was not taken much notice of and none felt enough interest to inquire from whence he came or who he was. He was an energetic and industrious man, polite and attentive to his customers, and his short figure could be seen at all times behind the bar. He soon built up a very good trade, but he never appeared satisfied. It was evident that he was not intended for such an avocation in life, as he was restless, and like Micawber, constantly waiting for something to turn up.

OFF TO CALIFORNIA.

"The long looked for day finally arrived, and he started for California, little expecting that such good fortune as fell to his lot was awaiting him. In 1849 the gold fever was at its height, and every day emigrants were leaving for the Pacific coast, eager to reap the harvest os gold which they confidently expected was waiting for them. Mackey was one of the first persons in this city to be afficted with the fever, and he endeavored to induce a number of friends to go with him. A party of about twenty five was finally made up. and he was one of the leaders in it. He sold his property for a small sum and that was the last heard of him until he jumped suddenly in the lap of fortune.

HIS CAREER.

"I was," said the gentleman, "in California at the time of his arrival there, and watched his career with considerable interest. He had previously known Flood and O'Brien, and they were very fast friends. They were at that time keeping a saloon in San Francisco, and Mackey worked in the mines. The two famous fields of wealth then were the California and Consolidated Virginia, and he worked in both of them. He was a very shrewd man, tolerably well educated, and had some little knowledge of civil engineering. He clearly saw that money invested in the stock of either of these mines was sure to bring good results, and every dollar he could raise was invested in that way. At his instance Flood and O'Brien went in with him, and the three purchased stock at $3 per share. Soon after it went up to $7, and gradually increased to $18. In this simple manner the fortunes were made and almost before they knew it they were wealthy men. Mackey then lived in a frame house on Sutter street, and his figure became a familiar one to frequenters of the mines.

WINNING THE WIDOW.

"He was not married then, but met the woman who became his wife soon after. This in itself is a little romance and illustrates his character. She was a widow when he became acquainted with her, and was the daughter of Major Hungerford, of New Orleans. She married a doctor and moved to Nevada City, where he died some time afterwards. He was a poor man, and left his wife and child in rather destitute circumstances. Mackey heard of this some months later, and he started a subscription for the widow's benefit, contributing liberally, and raising a neat little sum. This so touched the widow's heart that she called on him to thank him for his kindness. She was young and pretty, with a childish face and winning ways, and captured Mackey's heart completely. His courtship was a quiet one, and of short duration and soon the pretty widow united her destiny with his. Mackey was then a rich man, but he kept widening his field of action, until, in connection with Flood, O'Brien and Fair, he established the Nevada bank, and Louis McLean went from Baltimore to manage it.

AND SINCE.

"Since that time Mackey's career has been familiar to almost every school boy. Unlike the majority of men, however, he does not forget that he was once dependent himself, and his charity has been great. He is a member of the Catholic church, and established an orphan asylum for the children of that denomination in Nevada City, which he still supports. He is always ready to give for charity's sake, and in addition is polite and courteous to everybody."—*Louisville Courier Journal.*

Athletic.

There is considerable doubt as to the genuiness of Scoggins' ten-second record made last year on the campus at Berkeley. Scoggins will certainly be one of the athletes who will cross the mountains in May, and if he can cover 100 yards of ground at the rate of ten yards a second he should certainly be heard from most favorably as a toer of scratches in the events in which he will wear the blue and gold —the colors of the University of California.

It would appear from the interest now manifested in outdoor athletics at Palo Alto that the Berkeley boys will do well to look to their laurels.

This is what the official organ of the Stanford students; "The Palo Alio," says:

There has been a decided improvement in the past two weeks among the boys who are working earnestly and following the instructions of Trainer Hunter. Most of the athletes seem to realize the responsibility that rests upon them of giving the university more glory in track events than has ever fallen to it. Our standing with Berkeley in track events is decidedly lower than it should be, but since real interest and earnest work has at last manifested itself there is hope for a far better showing henceforth. Such overwhelming victories of Berkeley are certainly events of the past.

Committees, consisting of Professor Edwards, Colt and Lang, for Berkeley, and Frankenheimer; Lewis and Zion, for Stanford, held a meeting to revise the rules concerning intercollegiate athletics, formulated at a previous meeting. The most important changes made were these: The clause changing the date of the annual football game was stricken out; also the one compelling a boatrace in 1897. It was agreed to recommend that after 1898 none but graduates of the two universities should be employed as football coaches.

The Stanford men were not in favor of this idea but agreed to report it to the athletic board. It was agreed to recommend that a boatrace be held in 1897, but that it enter into the new agreement simply as a recommendation.

Five election corruptionists have been arrested in San Francisco upon indictments found by the grand jury. Bail has been fixed at $1000 in each case.

The decision of the Supreme Court upon the constitutionality of the Income Tax law is now awaited with considerable anxiety.

Boyd Wants an Office.

EDITOR GAZETTE: In Tuesday's *Advocate* I read an account of the arrest of some boys for throwing stones at a lady named Miss Wilkins, in North Berkeley. The item concludes as follows:—

"Finally Miss Wilkins rose in her wrath; after giving battle to her persecutors, she had them arrested. This morning the juvenile terrors were arrigned before Judge Lord.

"They pleaded not guilty, and tomorrow morning will attempt to explain things satisfactorily to hizzoner."

Now, Mr. Editor, if Judge Lord issued a warrant for these young offenders against the peace and quietness of Miss Wilkins and the people of the State of California, why in thunder don't Judge Lord hear the evidence and deal out justice according to the Statutes of the State of California in such cases made and provided. What has "hizzoner" got to do with it, and who is "hizzoner." Darn that new charter, anyhow. I suppose "hizzoner' is some official who tries boys who throw stones at ladies. I thought I had read the new charter over pretty carefully, but I saw no such official. I wonder what the salary is? You might just throw out a hint in your next edition that, "It is understood that, at the earnest solicitation of his many friends that the Hon. John E. Boyd has consented to run for the office of Hizzoner." And then you might go on and say that he is the right man in the right placce, and suggest that it is the duty of the Board of Trustees to raise the salary of the office of "Hizzoner" to about $5,000 per year, and, by the way, you might have few cards thrown out to read:—

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[Mr. Boyd has been wrongly informed. No person by the name of Wilkins made a complaint. Miss Hawkins did make a complaint. Two children were arrested, tried and convicted. As will be seen in our local columns sentence has been suspended. Get true information before making complaints. Ed.]

A local company has been incorporated in Santa Cruz for operating telephone lines extending about the city. Eventually the wire will be run to Soquel, Aptos, Watsonville, Felton, Bowlder Creek, Los Gatos and San Jose. In consequence of the opposition the Sunset Company has cut their price from $4 to $2 per month.

The widow of the late Franklin Moss has succeeded in getting letters of administration of the estate, although strongly opposed by his daughters. The most of the property consists of real estate at Elmhurst, on the Haywards road, which is valued at over $100,000.

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THE NEW ROAD IS.

The bill granting terminal facilities to the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company in San Francisco has passed both houses of the Legislature and is now in the hands of the Governor who will probably sign it with a special quill which in years later on will be considered a curiosity. Nothing has gladdened the hearts of true Californians so much for many years as the enactment of this law.

CALIFORNIA STARTS OUT ANEW.

There are various things in this world that have a tendency to make man breathe freer after being choked up. Often after a long spell of sultry weather the air becomes heavy with particles that obstruct free action of the lungs. A shower of rain comes down and that thickened air becomes thinner and purified and the man expands his chest as if a great additional power had been given to the human system.

For a long time California has been undergoing a long sultry spell in the shape of lack of business, which means lack of employment. All at once a little cloud appears no bigger than a man's hand, and very suddenly like a meteor in the sky the rain falls and all the earth is refreshed. This little cloud was the beginning of the building of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad. It looked rather small at first, but of a sudden it grew large and the fact that such a large project would be pushed immediately to completion burst upon the whole State before they could comprehend that such a good thing could happen after so many dark days.

Nevertheless it is an established fact. The eyes can now see clearer, the voice is more distinct and pronounced and the body acts with renewed vigor. Confidence has arisen and with that fully established the fires will again be lighted and the busy noise of the manufactories will again be heard in the land. The mechanic and laborer will be afforded opportunities to provide their families with the necessary wants of life and happiness will be therein.

The commencement of a new life seems to have been begun in California. An enterprise like the new railroad will soon beget many others and now we look for times if not so good as

"In the days of old, the days of gold,
The days of '49."

The following named Senators voted in favor of the San Joaquin Valley Rairoad yesterday: Beard, Bert, Biggy, Earl, Fay, Flint, Franck, Gesford, Gleaves, Holloway, Langford, Martin, Matthews, McAllister, Pedlar, Shippee, Smith, Voorheis, Whitchurst, Withington.

AWAITING THE VERDICT.

A short item appears in the papers today which, if true, is likely to set the whole civilized world in a great state of trouble and anxiety. The item is shsot and merely says that China must pay Japan the sum of $250,000,000 in gold as a war indemnity.

A question has arisen as to whether this large amount of money will be demanded in gold or silver. A sudden rise of the latter in New York and London has led the public to believe that silver may be called for instead of gold. Should the yellow metal be wanted where is it to come from? Of late the United States has been receiving a considerable amount of gold from abroad through the sale of its bonds. The same parties, however that are sending that metal to this country have a contract to furnish Austria with $40,000,000 of the same article. The United States being a gold producing country, will naturally be looked to for a large amount, probably in fact all she can produce, to pay this large demand. Wherever the amount comes from it is bound to upset all of the present financial ideas of the civilized world.

Should silver be demanded, instead of gold, there will probably be a way out of the silver question that its most ardent friends would never have thought of. This demand of so large an amount of silver may possibly be paid by China, but in so doing her country will be depleted of that metal and she will have to look to some country for a refreshment of her currency. In this respect our country is a large producer of silver and has it on hand in good sized quantities. She could supply silver much easier than gold and if called upon to do so the United States would quickly enter upon a line of prosperity the like of which has never been seen in the world. Every day will now count as to what action may be taken. The news in regard to this matter will be seized with avidity. The change which is seemingly sure, may be good for this country or it may be bad, according to the final answer, silver or gold.

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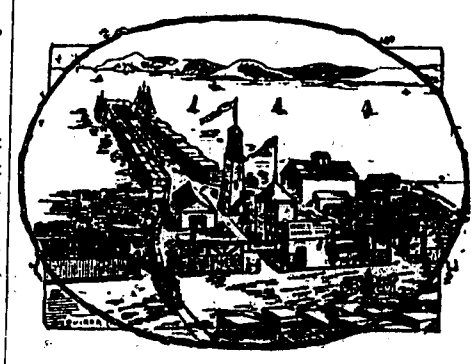
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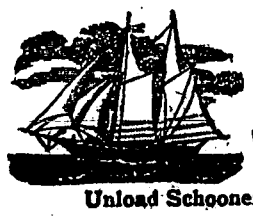

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University vs. Crescent.

In the baseball game, which occurred yesterday, between the University and Crescent teams, of Berkeley, the former won by a score of 17 to 8. This is the Crescents' first public appearance, and the members think it made a pretty good showing. In the next game they expect to make it great deal more lively for their opponents.

The Crescent Club Robbed.

Some daring fellow got through a window in the Armory building last night and stole three pairs of boxing gloves belonging to the Crescent Club, which now ouccupies the building. If the fellow should be caught he will feel the whole weight of the club down on him, and it weighs a great deal more than a ton.

In the case of Ed. Jones, who was brought before Judge Lord this morning for examination on a charge of felony, the defendant was dismissed, there not being sufficient testimony to substantiate the complaint. The principal witness, Homer Howard, is in the southern part of the State and could not be got here, there being a financial difficulty which prevented.

Robert and Edna Hampton appeared before Judge Lord this morning for sentence, having been convicted of disturbing the peace of Miss Hawkins, of North Berkeley. After giving them a severe reprimand the Court suspended giving punishment, and the children took their departure.

In the will made by the late Robert Patton, who recently died in Stockton, the names of Mrs. Addie S. Sleeper and her four children, residents of Berkeley, appear as legatees.

D. Newell of West Berkeley says he will be a candidate for the office of Town Clerk at the coming election. He will seek the nomination from the Non-Partisan party.

Leopold Joseph Alkalay, aged 25 years, of Berkeley, and Marion G. Mouser, aged 20 years, of Berkeley, have taken out a license to be married.

The bill creating Justices' Courts for Berkeley, which were supposed to be abolished by the adoption of the new Charter, has passed.

To settle the little difficulty between China and Japan the former government will have to pay the latter $250,000,000 in gold coin, beside giving up the island of Formosa, the right of occupation to Japan of Port Arthur and Wei-hai-mie for a term of years, and the claim of China that Korea is a dependancy of hers shall be forever relinquished. Korea shall henceforth be independent.

A plan which the public wished to have adopted and one of particular interest to all people living on this side of the bay, namely, the erection of a bridge at the foot of Market street, S. F. across East street has met with defeat in the Assembly.

Louis F. Post is coming to California again to lecture under the auspices of the San Francisco Single Tax Society. He first came here two years ago and was also here last year.

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For this season the Bering Sea patrol will consist of four revenue cutters, the Corwin, Rush, Bear and Perry. The latter vessel is on her way to the Pacific Coast. The senior revenue marine officer will command the fleet, which will start from Port Townsend.

It is very hard to get the public to sustain high class music in public on the Pacific Coast. The people are being educated to it, however, and later on it will have substantial patrons.

About the same number of members, and pretty much the same persons who voted against the San Joaquin Valley Railroad yesterday, voted for DeYoung for U. S. Senator.

Reid, member of Assembly from Trinity, was arrested by the sergeant-at-arms for being too boisterons, last night, in the Assembly.

Charles T. Beatty has been elected President of the Supreme Council of the American Protective Association of Michigan.

A bill is before the Legislature which prohibits other than National or State troops from parading with guns.

After today the speeches of members will be limited to a very short time. Too much talkee.

Governor Budd has vetoed the Miners and the Pure Milk bills.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JOHN SQUIRES
Hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of
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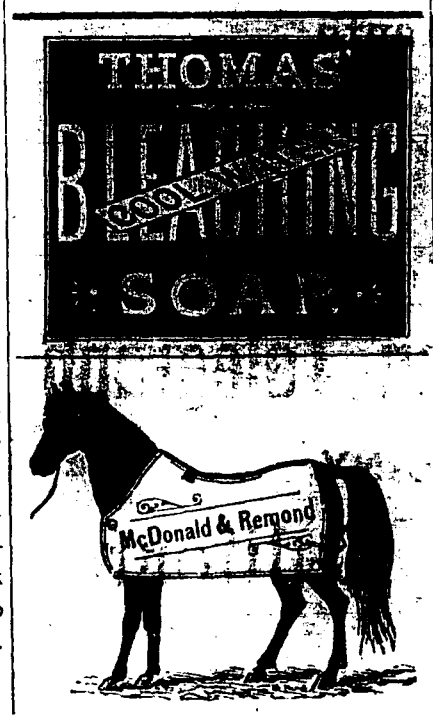

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